

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2848 - HB 3159**

March 17, 2000

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Requires each residential unit constructed after January 1, 2001 to have its own separate meter for water. Prohibits existing buildings that have a master meter from charging individual dwelling units for each unit's water consumption unless submetering equipment for each residential unit is provided, or a means of determining water usage is employed by the landlord that is specified by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) through rules and regulations.
- Authorizes the TRA to examine for accuracy billing procedures, to require the submission of data on accuracy of submeters, and to require bills to be adjusted accordingly. The size, type and placement of all meters, other flow measuring devices, and any applicable valves and shut-offs may be specified by the TRA.
- Requires the TRA to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$92,000 Recurring**

Assumes a need for two positions and related expenses for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to enforce the provisions of this bill.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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